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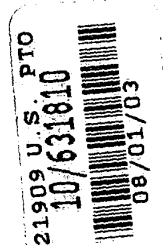
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Katsumi KOBAYASHI, Takashi KATOH, and Junji NISHIGAKI  
METHINE COMPOUND AND SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC  
MATERIAL CONTAINING THE SAME  
**Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q76527.

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/985,060 (Confirmation No. 3308) filed November 1, 2001 of Katsumi KOBAYASHI, Takashi KATOH, and Junji NISHIGAKI entitled METHINE COMPOUND AND SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL CONTAINING THE SAME, which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/522,852 filed March 10, 2000.

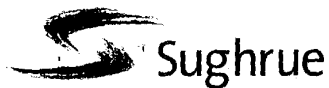
This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification (158 pages), including the claims and abstract. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for Form PTO 1449) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1624.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	P. Hei. 11-63588	March 10, 1999
JAPAN	P. Hei. 11-80141	March 24, 1999

The priority documents were filed in Application No. 09/522,852, and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents was acknowledged in parent Application No. 09/522,852.



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Base Fee							\$750.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE**

**\$750.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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